

holders in the county aforesaid, not interested in the premises, and qualified to serve as jurors in the county court, to appear on a day to be by them appointed, on the premises; and the said commissioners, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to administer an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to every person so summoned, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such requisition shall be taken, by transfer of his, her, or their lands, about to be made as aforesaid, and by reason of the disadvantages attendant upon the erection as aforesaid upon the land aforesaid, and the persons so summoned and qualified shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, of which the said commissioners, or any one of them, shall have given notice in the public papers as aforesaid, and such inquisition shall be conclusive and final; *Provided*, that in such appeal from the valuation and assessment of damages made by the commissioners, should the valuation and assessment of the said commissioners be confirmed by the jury, by this act directed to be summoned, the party appealing shall pay the whole expense incurred thereby; *Provided*, that the three lots on Concord Point, now owned and used as a fishery by Joshua Green and Alexander Myers, shall not be subject to condemnation for a garden.

Right of
state relin-
quished.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the right of jurisdiction of the state of Maryland in and over the land aforesaid, be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded, and made over to the United States aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid, provided that the quantity does not exceed one acre as aforesaid.

Right of
state over
ground
heretofore
contracted
for, relin-
quished.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the right of jurisdiction of the state of Maryland in and over the ground heretofore contracted for, purchased, or to be purchased, by the United States, as sites for the erection of a light-house and dwelling-house, and so forth, on Cove Point, in Calvert county, be and the same is hereby relinquished, ceded, and made over to the United States, for the purposes aforesaid, provided the ground so contracted for, purchased, or to be purchased, shall not exceed five acres.

Agent of
U. S. not
prevented
from pur-
chasing, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be taken or understood to prevent the authorized agent of the United States from making a purchase of the property that may be required for the establishment of said light-house, dwelling and out-houses, and a garden patch.

Property to
be ceded to
the U. S.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the property so purchased, and not exceeding one acre, shall be ceded to the said United States, in the same manner as if the commissioners had met, valued and condemned the property.

The other sections omitted, are directory to the commissioners, and assess their compensation.